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SUBJECT: REPORT OF SITUATION IN KEREN

1. ON FRIDAY, MARCH 5, REPS OF CRS IN ERITREA VISITED CONGEN TO UPDATE INFORMATION ON THEIR PRESCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMS IN ASMARA, AND THEIR PLANS TO OPEN OPERATIONS IN KEREN AND MASSAWA. MASSAWA PROGRAM WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL NEW FOOD SUPPLIES ARRIVE END OF MARCH. KEREN PROGRAM, HOWEVER, HAS RECEIVED ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF EPMG AUTHORITIES AND WILL BEGIN AS SOON AS CRS FOOD CURRENTLY IN WAREHOUSE IN MASSAWA BROUGHT TO ASMARA AND THEN ON TO KEREN; THIS IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY LATTER PART OF MARCH.

2. AS PRELIMINARY TO BEGINNING PROGRAM IN KEREN, TWO ETHIOPIAN REPS OF CRS VISITED TOWN IN EARLY JANUARY. THEY REPORTED  
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THAT SITUATION IN KEREN IS RELAXED AS COMPARED TO ASMARA.

SEVEN-THIRTY CURFEW IS NOT STRICTLY OBSERVED AND PEOPLE CAN BE SEEN ON STREETS AS LATE AS 8:30. FOOD SITUATION IS NOT GOOD, AS SUPPLIES ARE SPORADIC, BUT RESTAURANTS CONTINUE TO FUNCTION, AND GENERALLY ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF CEREALS, DAIRY PRODUCTS, MEAT, AND OILS EXIST. COFFEE, TEA, SUGAR, AND IMPORTED FOOD ITEMS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. SECURITY SITUATION IS NOT SEVERE AS THERE WAS NO FIRING DURING WEEK OF CRS REPS' VISIT. THERE ARE SEVERAL THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES DRIVEN INTO KEREN FROM SURROUNDING VILLAGES, THUS SWELLING THE RANKS OF POOR AND UNEMPLOYED.  
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